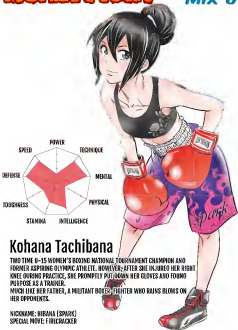


# MONEY FIGHT

Chapter Forty-Eight: Opening Hit

MIX UP



## Kohana Tachibana

TWO TIME U-15 WOMEN'S BOXING NATIONAL TOURNAMENT CHAMPION AND FORMER ASPIRING OLYMPIC ATHLETE. HOWEVER, AFTER SHE INJURED HER RIGHT KNEE DURING PRACTICE, SHE PROMPTLY PUT DOWN HER GLOVES AND FOUNDED PURPOSE AS A TRAINER.

MUCH LIKE HER FATHER, A MILITANT BOUTER, FIGHTER WHO RAINS BLOWS ON HER OPPONENTS.

NICKNAME: HIBANA (SPARK)

SPECIAL MOVE: FIRECRACKER

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BRING  
HOME  
THE  
TITLE!

GO GET  
HIM,  
BRO!

THE RISING



I COULDN'T  
MAKE IT TO  
THE ARENA...  
BUT I'LL BE  
CHEERING  
YOU ON FROM  
HERE!



KENOSUDO  
KANAYAI



WITH AN UN-  
DEFEATED  
RECORD OF  
23-0, THE  
BARELY  
KICKED-  
OFF OF JAPAN'S  
FIRST STYL-  
ING CHAMP-  
IONSHIP...



IN THE RED  
CORNER  
STANDING  
AT 6'11  
POUNDS,  
HOLDING  
FIGHTER  
RANK...  
BWA...

WORLD-  
CLASSY

NEW WORLD  
BANTAM-  
WEIGHT  
CHAMPION...

THE  
NANTWA  
WAR-  
RIOR,



WITH AN IM-  
PERFECT  
10-0 ALL  
KNOCKOUT  
RECORD...



AND IN  
THE BLUE  
CORNER,  
STANDING AT  
10 POUNDS,  
FROM  
TAKESHIKAWA  
GYM...



RANKING  
FIFTH IN  
THE WORLD  
BANTAM-  
WEIGHT  
CLASS...

THE MAN  
WHO HAD  
FIGHTED THE  
HEAVIEST  
BANT IN THE  
FIRST  
ROUND...



LAST  
YEAR'S  
JAPAN  
ROOKIE  
KING  
MVP...



**THE  
HUNTER,**





**MITA-  
RAI!**

**SHOTA-  
ROOO-**

**TACHIBANA**

WOW! I BET  
YOU COULD  
MAKE A FOR-  
TUNE IF YOU  
SELL IT ON  
AUCTION!

THAT JUST  
HAPPENED TO  
LAND IN MY  
LIP! WHAT  
SHOULD I DO  
WITH IT?

HEY,  
YACU-  
RUNA...



I THINK THE KEY POINT TO TONIGHT'S MATCH WILL BE WHETHER ATTAKKI-KUN MANAGES TO GET IN CLOSE, OR IF KINOH-KUN IS ABLE TO KEEP HIS DISTANCE AND FIGHT FROM LONG RANGES.

LET'S SEE...



KITOU-SAN, WHAT DO YOU MAKE OF TONIGHT'S MATCH?

AND PROVIDING GUEST COMMENTARY FOR US TONIGHT WE HAVE FORMER WBC WORLD SUPER-TWENTYONE CHAMPION, TATSUYA KITOU-SAN.



THE SOUND OF FEET WILL SOUND SOUPLY.

RE-TAKI

THE BOX HAS FIGHTERS REFINED FOR THE FIGHTING.

RE-TAKI



LET HIM HAVE AS MANY POINTS AS HE WANTS. THE REAL MATCH STARTS IN THE SECOND HALF!



BUT BE CAREFUL NOT TO TOP HIM OFF WITH ANY OF YOUR ATTACKS.

LISTEN UP, ATTAKKI. KEEP THE PRESSURE ON AND TRY TO GET IN CLOSE DURING THE FIRST HALF OF THE FIGHT.



WHEN HE CAN'T MOVE HIS LEGS ANYMORE, GIVE HIM YOUR BEST PUNCH!



JUST LIKE WHEN YOU SPARRING WITH YAGURUMA-KUN, LET HIM CLINCH YOU AND THEN GO TO TOWN ON HIS BODY!



**ALRIGHT!**



**GO GET  
HIM,  
MITARAI!**



**AAAAND  
THERE'S  
THE GONG!**

**KURA**

**DING**

WHO WILL  
BE THE ONE  
TO LAND  
THE OPEN-  
ING HIT?



REMICON



SHAME I'LL  
JUST HAVE  
TO ADVANCE  
WITH MY  
BUNGLE  
HEAD.

HE'S SO FAR...  
I WON'T REACH  
HIM WITH A  
SINGLE STEP  
JUSTET







SQUEAK

!

BOOM

KEND  
KANAYA  
MAKES  
FIRST  
CONTACT!

THAT  
RANGE?

A NO-  
MOTION  
RIGHT!

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おっ

おっ  
おっ



THESE MOVE-  
MENTS ARE  
ALL ACCORD-  
ING TO PLAN

I'VE ALREADY  
TAKEN HIS  
PUNCHES  
BEFORE!



BUT...

HE'S FAST!  
HE LANDED  
A RIGHT  
FROM THAT  
FAR AWAY!



THAT HE  
POSS. ON THE  
OTHER HAND,  
ATTARAZ-  
KAN IS EX-  
HIBITING  
SOME IM-  
PRESSIVE  
TOUGHNESS.



KANGYA  
LOOKS TO  
BE IN GOOD  
FORM  
TONIGHT.  
POSSIBLY  
HE, KITTEN-  
SANT

WILL AT-  
TARAZ BE  
ABLE TO  
DROP ONE  
OF HIS  
FABLED  
BOMBST

THAT'S IT,  
ATTARAZ! KEEP  
POUNDING AWAY  
AT HIM BUT  
UNTIL HE  
LETS GO!





ANOTHER  
NO-MOTION  
RIGHT!



HE HAS HIS  
HANDS FULL  
JUST LAND-  
ING BODY  
BLOWS  
DURING THE  
CLIMAX!

KAMUKA HAS  
TAKEN FULL  
CONTROL OF  
THE RING! AT  
TAKARI HAS  
NO ROOM TO  
THROW HIS  
PUNCH!



HE'S NOT  
PUTTING HIS  
SHOULDER  
INTO IT AS  
MUCH AS  
USUAL.

THE WAY  
KAMUKA'S  
THROWING  
HIS RIGHT  
PUNCH IS OFF.



WHAT'S  
UP, YAGI-  
KUN?

SOME-  
THING'S  
OFF...



A PUNCH OF  
THAT CALI-  
BER WON'T  
BE ENOUGH  
TO BREAK  
METARAI.

JUST AS  
PLANNED.



SOMETHING'S  
FEELS OFF...

ONE-  
TWO!

OWO

BOOM



ALL OF KANON'S  
PUNCHES HAVE CON-  
NECTED, BUT  
METARAT  
HAS YET TO  
LAND A  
SINGLE  
BLOW!

THE  
END OF  
ROUND  
ONE IS  
ALMOST  
UPON  
US!

THE  
RESULT?

HEY,  
LOOK!

TA



**IT'S  
ALREADY  
STARTING  
TO BLOCK  
HIS  
VISION!**

**OH, NO!  
MITA-  
RAI'S  
LEFT  
EYE IS  
SWELL-  
ING UP!**



**THERE ARE ONLY  
TWO TYPES OF  
PUNCHES THAT  
CAN MAKE AN EYE  
SWELL UP IN  
THIS SHORT  
A TIME...**



**NO WAY!  
HE ONLY  
TOOK A  
FEW  
HITS!**

**WHAT'S  
GOING  
ON?!**



...OR HE  
STUFFED  
SOMETHING  
HARD INTO  
HIS GLOVE.



EITHER  
HE'S GOT  
AN EX-  
TREMELY  
SHARP  
PUNCH...





AND KENDO  
KANAYA  
APPEALS  
TO THE  
CROWD  
WITH A  
FIST  
PUMP!

HOW DO  
YOU HAVE  
THE POINTS  
STACKED  
FOR THE  
FIRST  
ROUND,  
ATTOM-  
SAND?

HEHE, I'D  
SAY IT'S  
KANAYA-  
KUN'S  
ROUND FOR  
SURE AT  
10-0.

Volume 11: After the chaotic events of the last chapter, the crowd is now in a state of confusion.

DON'T WORRY  
ABOUT IT!  
THEY'RE  
JUST  
BEING  
A LITTLE  
BIT  
CONFUSED!

HOW  
CAME  
IT  
TO  
THIS,  
COACH?

KOHANE, GET  
THESE GUYS  
TRY TO  
REDUCE  
THE  
SHAKING  
AS  
MUCH  
AS  
POSSIBLE  
BEFORE  
THE  
NEXT  
ROUND!

OKAY!



WISITSTONE  
WANT TO KEEP  
ROBING UP  
INTO THE  
MIDDLE OF  
THE MATCH.

THIS IS  
BAD.



AN INJURY  
CAUSED BY NO  
ACCIDENTAL  
HEADBUTT,  
BUT A TELL-  
ING BLOW...



IT'LL BE  
OUR LOSS!

THE REFEREE  
IS GOING TO  
STOP THE  
FIGHT AT  
THIS RATE...

TO BE CONTINUED.